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April 17, 1998

U.S. Army Corps of Engineers
Attn. : CESPK-PD-R (Felicia Woodward)
1325 J Street
Sacramento, California 95814

Subject: Species Lists for Project Modification Report for Restoration for Prospect Island, Solano County, California

Dear Ms. Woodward:

As requested by fax from your agency dated April 7, 1998, you will find enclosed lists of sensitive species that may be present in *or may be affected by* projects in the subject project area (see Enclosure A). These lists fulfill the requirement of the Fish and Wildlife Service (Service) to provide species lists pursuant to section 7(c) of the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended (Act).

The animal species on the Enclosure A quad lists are those species we believe may occur within, *or be affected by projects within*, the USGS Liberty Island and Rio Vista Quads, where your project is planned.

Any plants on the Enclosure A quad lists are those *that have actually been observed* in the project quads. Plants on the county list may also occur in the quad where your project is planned.

Some of the species listed in Enclosure A may not be affected by the proposed action. A trained biologist or botanist, familiar with the habitat requirements of the listed species, should determine whether these species or habitats suitable for these species may be affected by the proposed action. For plant surveys, the Service recommends using the enclosed Guidelines for Conducting and Reporting Botanical Inventories for Federally Listed, Proposed and Candidate Species (Enclosure C).

Some pertinent information concerning the distribution, life history, habitat requirements, and published references for the listed species is available upon request. This information may be helpful in preparing the biological assessment for this project, if one is required. Please see Enclosure B for a discussion of the responsibilities Federal agencies have under section 7(c) of

the Act and the conditions under which a biological assessment must be prepared by the lead Federal agency or its designated non-Federal representative.

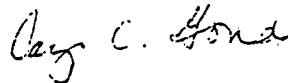
Formal consultation, pursuant to 50 CFR § 402.14, should be initiated if you determine that a listed species may be affected by the proposed project. If you determine that a proposed species may be adversely affected, you should consider requesting a conference with our office pursuant to 50 CFR § 402.10. Informal consultation may be utilized prior to a written request for formal consultation to exchange information and resolve conflicts with respect to a listed species. If a biological assessment is required, and it is not initiated within 90 days of your receipt of this letter, you should informally verify the accuracy of this list with our office.

Candidate species are currently being reviewed by the Service and are under consideration for possible listing as endangered or threatened. Candidate species have no protection under the Endangered Species Act, but are included for your consideration as it is possible that one or more of these candidates could be proposed and listed before the subject project is completed. Should the biological assessment reveal that candidate species may be adversely affected, you may wish to contact our office for technical assistance. One of the potential benefits from such technical assistance is that by exploring alternatives early in the planning process, it may be possible to avoid conflicts that could otherwise develop, should a candidate species become listed before the project is completed.

Enclosure A contains a section called *Species of Concern*. This term includes former category 2 candidate species and describes the taxa whose conservation status may be of concern to the Service and other Federal, State, and private conservation agencies and organizations.

We appreciate your concern for endangered species. Please contact Mr. Michael Thabault, Supervisory Fish and Wildlife Biologist at (916) 979-2752, if you have any questions about the attached list or your responsibilities under the Endangered Species Act. For the fastest response to species list requests, address them to the attention of the section 7 office assistant at this address. If you have any questions about possible impacts to other fish and wildlife, please contact Mike Fris at (916) 979-2107.

Sincerely,



Wayne S. White
Field Supervisor

Enclosures